

PURPOSE OF CEMETERIES

To memorialize our beloved deceased at their graves while maintaining the overall order, beauty and cleanliness of our Cemeteries' grounds.

GENERAL RULES

Graves are intended for members of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish, former parishioners, or next of kin of parishioners.

The cemeteries are open to the public every day from dawn to dusk. Vehicles are to remain on the cemeteries' roadways. Pets are to be kept on a leash and not allowed to run free; clean up after one's pets is essential. No alcohol is permitted.

Use of the cemeteries shall at all times be subject to the provisions of Catholic Church law and the Milwaukee Archdiocese regulations.



GENEALOGY REQUESTS

All genealogy requests for cemetery records should be made to the Archives Department of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. archives@archmil.org

LOTS

Currently, the cost of a cemetery lot is \$500. Payment is due at the time the lot is chosen. Checks should be made out to the appropriate cemetery; receipts will be issued.

No transfer of lots is permitted. All lots which will not be used as per the purchase agreement must be sold back to the Cemetery at the original purchase price.

Burial lots may be purchased at the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish Office during regular business hours.

Address: W314N7462 State Road 83
North Lake, WI 53064-0068
Phone: 262-966-2191

All records for both cemeteries are kept in the Parish Office. Cemetery records are not open to the public.

St. Clare Cemetery

TOWN OF MERTON

St. John Cemetery

TOWN OF ERIN

RULES

Operated by:

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish

W314N7462 State Rd 83

P. O. Box 68

North Lake, WI 53064-0068

262.966.2191

office@blteresaparish.org

INTERMENTS

Typical Burial

At time of death, the funeral home or the family must contact the Parish Office to inform us of the burial arrangements. The Parish Staff will call the person who opens the grave and have it appropriately marked for digging.

The person who digs the grave will dispose of half the dirt from the grave; leave half the dirt adjacent to the gravesite; and use the latter to fill in the grave after the Vault Company has set the vault.

Currently, the charge to open a grave is \$500, and the check made payable to the person doing the work after completion of the work. There is an additional \$100 charge if the work needs to be performed after 5:00 PM or on a Sunday or holiday.

Only one full-size burial is allowed in each lot.

Cremation

The interment of cremated remains is permitted only in accordance with the provisions of Catholic Church law and Milwaukee Archdiocese regulations. Cremated remains will not be placed inside a casket or scattered on top of the ground. Cremated remains will be placed in an approved vault. Two cremated remains per full size grave are permitted. Cremated remains of one person may be buried on top of an existing grave. Currently, the charge to open a grave for a cremation is \$200, and the check made payable to the person doing the work after completion of the work. There is an additional \$50 charge if the work needs to be performed after 5:00 PM or on a Sunday or holiday. If this is an urn vault burial, the size of the box for the urn is needed and there is an additional \$50 charge due to the added size of the vault.

MONUMENTS

Monuments may not be taller than 3' in height. The monument's foundation must be flush with the ground and 4" larger than the monument. Names of the deceased that are engraved on the monuments should face the adjoining roadway.

DECORATIONS

General

All decorations placed at grave sites are subject to the following requirements.

In general, any decoration deemed by Cemetery management to be in violation of its regulations, or not in good taste, will be removed and discarded without notice to the lot holder.

Also, decorations that have deteriorated or are unsightly will be removed and disposed of by Cemetery management without notice to the lot holder.

Decorations are only permitted if they are securely fastened to the monument and/or base, do not protrude beyond the base, and are of a material which will not result in a safety hazard.

Lot holders are requested to use non-breakable vases or pots placed on or directly in front of the memorial, or the reversible vases that are part of some memorials. Do not fill pots or vases with stones or sand, or sink them into the ground in order to hold them upright.

No wire, glass jars or containers, tin cans, ceramic or clay pots, aluminum foil or other dangerous or unsightly material are to be used to hold decorations. Similarly, styrofoam boxes, tubs, glass, shells, ornaments, chairs, benches, wire, plastic border edging, coping, fencing, brick, bark, rocks, gravel, wood, stuffed/artificial animals, pictures/frames, toys, figurines, etc., are not permitted around the base or in the lawn.



Flowers

Annual/Perennial flower plantings are allowed, but must conform to the following:

- Rose bushes, peonies, irises, day lilies, gladiolas, creeping flowers, vines, and other plants which require exceptional care should not be planted
- Only low growing plants/flowers planted in front of the memorial are acceptable, and should not exceed 18" in height. The planting bed should not exceed the width of the memorial or extend more than 12" away from it
- Flower beds must be maintained or they will be removed
- Potted plants, hanging baskets, shepherds' hooks, and standing planters are not permitted.

Artificial plants or flowers are not allowed unless they are placed in a proper bouquet holder such as a vase and are securely fastened in place.

Observance of Special Occasions

Easel decorations are allowed for only two special occasions:

- Memorial Day. (These decorations will be allowed for seven calendar days before and after the holiday; fourteen days total.)
- Christmas Day. (These decorations may be placed on the grave sites after Thanksgiving Day, and must be removed by Palm Sunday.)

Only Cemetery management-approved Veterans' flag holders (which are provided by the VFW) are allowed to display the American flag.

MAINTENANCE

During the Spring and Fall of each year, Cemetery management sets aside one week in which all summer and winter decorations are removed from lots and graves. This week is determined by weather conditions, but will generally occur in late March or early April --- and again in late October or early November.

- During this time, all artificial flowers will be removed.

Cemetery management will be responsible for restoring the lawn on new graves, for filling sunken graves, and for re-establishing the lawn. All lawn will be restored with top soil, seed, and mulch either in the Spring or Fall.

LOSS OR DAMAGE

Cemetery management will exercise due care in its responsibilities, but in no event will it assume liability for the following:

- Theft or damage to anything placed on graves or lots
- Defects in burial vaults, concrete cases & lids
- Damage to any casket, vault, or memorial incurred in making a disinterment and/or removal.

CONTACTS

At the request of the Pastor, a Cemetery Board has been appointed to oversee the management and operation of the cemeteries. Names of Cemetery Board members may be obtained by contacting Chuck Mazza, Director of Administrative Services, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish, 262-966-2191.

St. John the Baptist Cemetery Director:

Don Cull 262-966-7238

St. Clare Cemetery Director:

Chuck Kotovic 262-367-9525